(b) if so, what is Government's reaction thereto; and

(c) whether it is a fact that Bihar is lagging behind in the development of electronics industry?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ELECTRONICS IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI M. S. SANJEEVI RAO): (a) to (c) Yes,Sir. 11 applications have been received from Government of Bihar Undertakings for the manufacture of various electronic items. Out of these 11, in 9 cases Letters of Intent have been issued and 2 applications have been rejected. 1 Letter of Intent has been converted into an Industrial Licence. There is need to accelerate the development of Electronics in Bihar.

Casual labourers engaged in the Ministry of Home Affairs and its attached/subordinate offices

1138.8 8SHRI RAH PUJAN PATEL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of casual labourers in his Ministry and its subordinate/attached offices who have been made regular during the last three years (office-wise and year-wise);

(b) the number of casual workers who have been working for more than two years and have not been made regular indicating the reasons therefor;

(c) whether Government have formulated any time-bound programme for making them regular; and

(d) if so, what are the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI RAM DULARI SINHA): (a) and (b) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

(c) and (d) As regularisation of sasual labour is dependent on the availability of vacancies it is not possible to have a time bound programme for this purposes.

Offices of the Ministry of Home Affairs housed in the rented buildings

1139. SHRI RAM PUJAN PATEL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the various offices under his Ministry/Department/Subordinate|attached offices are housed in the rented buildings in Delhi and outside Delhi, if so, since when;

(b) the names of the offices and the monthly rent of each building occupied by these offices along with the dates of their-occupation;

(c) whether it is a fact that his Ministry is not in a position to shift these offices from the rented buildings to Government buildings, if so what are the reasons therefor; and

(d) if the answer to part (c) above be in the negative, what steps have been taken so far to shift these offices from the rented buildings to Government buildings to lessen the burden on the exchequer?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI RAM DULARI SINHA): (a) to (d) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Regularisation of casual labourers in the Ministry of External Affairs

1140. SHRI RAM PUJAN PATEL: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of casual labourers in her Ministry and its offices/departments/subordinates offices/attached offices who have been made regular during the last three years (office-wise and year-wise);

(b) the number of casual workers who have been working for more than two years and are yet to be regularized; and

(c) whether Government have formulated any time-bound programme for making them regular; if so, what are the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI A. A. RAHIM): (a) and (b) The requisite information in so far the Ministry of External Affairs is concerned has been furnished in the attached statement.

(c) No Sir, the Ministry of Home Affairs (Department of Personnel and Administrative Reforms) have laid down norms for regularising casual labourers working in all government offices. The norms are;

(i) Casual labourers should have been recruited after 28th March 1979 only through Employment Exchange; (ii) they should have put in 240 days work in each of two consecutive years; and (iii) they should possess other prescribed qualifications regarding age and education. There is no time-bound programme since the waiver of these norms cannot be assumed.

Statement

Total number of casual labourers in the Ministry of External Affairs and its attached subordinate offices who have been regularised during the last three years viz. 1981, 1982 *and* 1983 *and the number of casual workers engaged for more than 2 years but yet not regularised*

Name of Office	year	Total number of casual labourers who have been regularised during the last three years	Total number of workers working for more than two years but not yet regularised	Remarks
Ministry of External Affairs	1981	6		
	1982	4	37	
	1983	26		
External Affairs Hostel . . .	1981	Nil		
	1982	Nil	Nil	
	1983	5		
Branch Secretariat Calcutta . . .	1981	Nil		
	1982	Nil		
	1983	Nil	1	